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\$15 million that the federal government has been sharing with us to help us in our child support collection process is very real. I also believe that it is very real that we have made an attempt at getting a waiver. That attempt was to get the study done by a very reputable, well-regarded, nationally recognized person in the area of cost-benefit analysis. And we have already boxed ourselves in by the results of that study. And so the Bohlke amendment is very much wishful thinking. But I would like to ask Senator Baker a question, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Baker, would you yield?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Baker, yesterday you said that your counties would continue to do this, whether they received the federal money. Are you supporting my amendment?

SENATOR BAKER: No.

SENATOR BROWN: And why not?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, they're doing it now, and as you said a minute ago, it's redundant, it's already in the law, that is their duty.

SENATOR BROWN: But you do believe that we will continue to have the same system, whether or not we receive the \$15 million in assistance from the federal government?

SENATOR BAKER: I think so. The people I've talked to just this morning, out in the hall, said we have a personal responsibility to do that. I think that's what makes Nebraskans so strong. They realize that is their responsibility and they will continue. In some cases, those people out back have said, yes, we will potentially lose some funds if we're sanctioned. But they told me point-blank, we will continue to do our job.

SENATOR BROWN: So they don't care whether they receive the federal assistance?

SENATOR BAKER: I think they care, but they certainly